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Update on UNICEF actions on strengthening protections (a) against sexual exploitation and abuse and (b) against workplace sexual harassment

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the Executive Director's zero tolerance of both sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, and appreciates the actions that UNICEF has taken so far to prevent and manage sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, implement further institutional and cultural changes and ensure a joined-up, system-wide, coherent approach;

2. *Also takes note with appreciation* of the independent evaluation that UNICEF is undertaking of its policies and processes on tackling sexual exploitation and abuse and the Independent Task Force on workplace gender discrimination and harassment, and requests UNICEF to present the evaluation and Task Force reports and associated management responses to the Executive Board;

3. *Requests* UNICEF management, as required under the Secretary-General's report on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, to present its annual certification to the Executive Board at each annual session, to cover sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment, as appropriate, complementing and strengthening its existing reporting, and to provide updates on progress made in that regard, including working with the office of the Victims' Rights Advocate for the United Nations, and further urges UNICEF to consider how to align reporting formats and content with other agencies, where appropriate;

4. *Encourages* the Bureau of the Executive Board of UNICEF to consider the possibility of discussing the issue of sexual exploitation and abuse of beneficiaries and sexual harassment in the workplace at the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Office for Project Services, UNICEF, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the World Food Programme in order to increase the efficiency of the Boards and avoid duplication.

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